

11. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Shuler OF North Carolina,  
OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1429, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. SHULER OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**with Mr. Ellsworth of Indiana and Mr. Loebsock of Iowa**

Page 2, line 4, insert "(a) SHORT TITLE. \_\_\_".

Page 2, after line 5, insert the following:

1 (b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—The Congress—

2 (1) finds that—

3 (A) while the steady economic growth and  
4 low inflation in the United States has yielded  
5 unprecedented prosperity, many children and  
6 families in this country have not benefited from  
7 this prosperity and continue to be  
8 socioeconomically disadvantaged,

9 (B) many community- and faith-based or-  
10 ganizations have expertise in moving individuals  
11 and families from dependency to self-sufficiency  
12 by providing families with the tools and skills  
13 they need to participate in the community and  
14 contribute to our economy,

15 (C) the Head Start Act was established to  
16 help prepare low-income young children to suc-  
17 ceed in school and in life by addressing the  
18 needs of the whole child and providing com-

1           prehensive services such as health and nutri-  
2           tion,

3           (D) research confirms that children who  
4           attend Head Start programs enter school better  
5           prepared than low-income children who do not  
6           attend the program, are less likely to need spe-  
7           cial education services, to repeat a grade, or  
8           commit crimes in adolescence, and are more  
9           likely to graduate from high school,

10          (E) community- and faith-based organiza-  
11          tions have participated in Head Start programs  
12          since the enactment of the Head Start Act in  
13          1965 and continue to serve more than 90,000  
14          children and their families,

15          (F) parents have an integral role in the de-  
16          velopment and implementation of Head Start  
17          programs, community- and faith-based pro-  
18          viders of Head Start services employ parents  
19          and encourage parents to volunteer in the pro-  
20          grams because parents are children's most im-  
21          portant and influential teachers,

22          (G) community- and faith-based providers  
23          of Head Start services not only serve the needs  
24          of low-income children and their families but

1           enrich, strengthen and reflect the diversity of  
2           the communities wherein they reside, and

3           (H) the Head Start Act is a critical com-  
4           ponent of America's civil rights platform, and  
5           community and faith-based organizations have  
6           been leaders in the civil rights movement in the  
7           United States,

8           (2) supports the continued role of community  
9           and faith-based organizations in Head Start pro-  
10          grams as providers of comprehensive services to chil-  
11          dren, families, and communities, and

12          (3) extends its gratitude to community- and  
13          faith-based organizations that provide Head Start  
14          services, and to the employees and volunteers for  
15          their commitment to the education, health, and eco-  
16          nomic well-being of low-income children and families.

Page 52, after line 19, insert the following:

17          “(3) CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY.—Faith-based  
18          and community-based organizations continue to be  
19          eligible, on the same basis as other organizations, to  
20          participate in any program under this subchapter for  
21          which they are otherwise eligible.”.

Page 120, at the end of line 15, add the following:

1 Faith-based and community-based organizations continue  
2 to be eligible, on the same basis as other organizations,  
3 to participate in any program under this section for which  
4 they are otherwise eligible.